

## BURNED TO A CRISP

Mrs. Nellie Ritzema's Terrible Experience With Gasoline.

## WAS ENVELOPED IN FLAMES

Fire on Ottawa Street Last Evening May Result in Death—Loss on the Property.

Mrs. Nellie Ritzema, a widow, 44 years old, residing at No. 302 Ottawa street, was yesterday morning fatally burned by gasoline early last evening.

About 6:30 she took a beer bottle of gasoline and started to replenish the tank to her gasoline stove, preparatory to starting a fire with it to cook the evening meal. As she started toward the stove with the bottle the bottom, dropped from it and to avoid drenching her clothing with the fluid, she stopped backward.

As she did so her foot scraped a parlor match on the floor. The match exploded and in an instant the fluid was ignited and Mrs. Ritzema was enveloped in a sheet of flame. When the bottle broke, the dripping gasoline saturated the front part of her dress and the flame ran the entire length of her body.

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his nineteenth birthday. A small party of friends aided in making the occasion a success.

Mrs. L. Vanthoff and son William of New York City and Miss Annie Cowan of Marquette, Mich., who have been the guests of Mr. Johnson and family, have returned home.

Richard Plamann, for several years a salesman for Heyman & company, will be married Saturday to Miss Mary Haberman of Wisconsin.

Mrs. E. A. Munschaw of Jefferson avenue has returned from Toronto, Canada, where she has been visiting her sister.

W. H. Stevens, postmaster at Fruitport, is in the city the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Calkins.

The Rev. W. Conner of Virginia, Wisconsin, will preach this evening in Waterloo street mission at 7:30.

County Clerk Eddy and Deputy Clerk Yerkewitz will leave this morning for a few days in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wright will leave this morning for Chicago and the world's fair.

Miss Mae Widdicombs has returned from Europe and is now visiting friends in New York.

The Rev. William Denman will leave for his new charge in Coldwater this week.

Miss May Collins of Bostwick street is rapidly recovering from her recent illness.

H. A. Hydon went to Dorset Center yesterday as attorney in a justice court case.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barbour will leave for the world's fair this morning.

Miss Jennie Edwards of Reed City has been visiting Mrs. E. K. Newton.

Dr. Heubner Peters spent Sunday with his family in Elk Rapids.

H. A. Hodges went to Chicago last night.

John Patton, Jr., is in Chicago.

Mr. John T. Andrews will leave for Chicago in a few days.

**Criminal Matters.**

Alfred Post of Byron was arrested yesterday for stealing water meters from Michael Holland. He was implicated with Charles Hydon who was arrested for the same offense Saturday.

Detective Darr arrested R. Jenks, a check boy at the New Livingston hotel yesterday for stealing a silk handkerchief from a guest named Palmer.

Jenks was charged with stealing a handkerchief for 25 cents. He claims the handkerchief was given to him by another man.

Frank Torrey was arrested by Detectives Darr and Gast for stealing a lot of razors and straps from a barber shop in Whitehall. The officers in Whitehall were notified of the capture.

Two boys named Wood and Miskiewicz, were arrested by Detective Smith yesterday for stealing a quantity of goods from Schmidt Bros. store on West Fulton street.

**Arrested Two Firebugs.**

The police detectives are after the firebugs who have been burning buildings for the last few weeks. Last evening Detective Smith and Gast arrested Nicholas Spiker and Martin Wagonmaker, two tough looking individuals, in the Arcade on suspicion of having burned Frank Green's barn about two weeks ago on Sheldon street.

After they were taken to the station A. L. Stevens and Robert E. Putnam, engineer at the city hall, identified Spiker as the man who was seen to run from the barn shortly before the fire broke out and who had been loitering around the barn the night previous. Wagonmaker was not identified but he was held for investigation on a charge of arson.

**Want Trust Deeds Annulled.**

The Cold Blast Feather company of Chicago, Simon, Bache & Co. of New York and Henry & Marrenner of New York, heavy creditors of Nelson, Matter & Co., are dissatisfied with the course taken by the company in filing trust mortgages and deeds to secure home creditors, and yesterday filed a bill of complaint in the United States circuit court, praying for an equitable distribution of the assets among all the creditors, and that the mortgages and deeds be treated as common law assignments.

The Cold Blast company has a claim of \$12,000, Simon, Bache & Co. \$16,300 and Henry & Marrenner \$11,000.

**Odd Fellows' Day in Chicago.**

Captain H. N. Wilder has issued a proclamation to the Odd Fellows of Michigan exhorting them to be at the world's fair during Odd Fellows' week which will begin September 25. First class hotel accommodations at reasonable rates have been secured. The bridge and regimental headquarters will be in the Great Western hotel. The Fraternity hotel on Seventy-first street will also accommodate the visitors. The O. & W. M. road will make a special rate of fare for the round trip on trains leaving on September 25 or 26.

**Prominent Maccabees Missing.**

Local Knights of the Maccabees have received notice of the disappearance, September 12 from Meadville, Pennsylvania, of Alden E. Hyde, secretary of the Meadville tent and delegate to the Pennsylvania great camp review that meets at Butler, September 23. It is supposed he was suffering from temporary insanity produced by overwork. He is a printer 25 years old and leaves a wife, and it is thought he came west.

**No Increase of Mail Carriers.**

The force of city mail carriers will not be increased this year, as the government has made no appropriation to increase the service. At present there are thirty-six mail carriers and seven "subs" who are waiting to be assigned to a route. The "subs" will have to be contented with filling temporary vacancies for some time yet, unless vacancies should occur by resignations.

**Contagious Diseases.**

G. Robertson, No. 430 Cass street, typhoid fever. Phelda De Jong, No. 465 Lincoln street, typhoid fever. Baby Davenport, No. 114 Clinton street, whooping cough. Lena Ward, No. 12 Henry street, diphtheria. Rosy Richford, No. 366 South Division, diphtheria.

**Burial Permits.**

Anna B. Ritchart, No. 228 Fourth avenue, Valley City. Mrs. Flora Hamilton, No. 15 Grandville avenue—Rome City, Ind. Francisca Froust, North East street—Mt. Calvary, Sarah Hyatt, Wyoming township—St. Andrews.

**Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.**

**Doyle's Baking Powder**

**ABSOLUTELY PURE**

## READY FOR THE FAIR

West Michigan Officials Have Everything in Readiness.

## GREAT LINE OF EXHIBITS

They Will Equal Anything the Society Has Heretofore Had on Exhibition.—Program for Today.

If Mr. Jupiter Pluvius will kindly keep his car out of the West Michigan Agricultural and Industrial society will produce a fair this week which is a fair. Everything is now in readiness for it, and the exhibition will open this morning. All day yesterday the exhibitors worked to get their displays into shape, and last evening the main building was a thing of beauty. President Cheney and Secretary Whitney hustled all day, and the superintendents of the various departments knew no rest. The leading firms of the city are outdoing their previous displays both in quantity and quality.

The pride of Mr. Cheney's heart is the fish exhibit in the art hall. The aquaria are arranged in octagonal shape and contain the finest display of trout ever seen in Grand Rapids. Little fellows only six months old disport themselves in the limpid water. There are yearlings, two-year-olds, trout that have lived three years, four-year-old beauties and five-year-old veterans that weigh two or three pounds, and the sight of which would stir the enthusiasm of any man that ever cast a fly. While the trout monopolize most of the aquaria, they are not the only fish represented. There are some magnificent specimens of mirror carp, brown trout, small mouth black bass, gold fish, and a few shiners by way of variety.

The fruit display promises to exceed anything of the kind ever seen at a fair in the county. Every table is filled already, and it will be necessary to provide additional room. The prize pumpkin and the model winning squash reported to Superintendent Sherwood early yesterday morning, and now occupy places of honor among the other agricultural exhibits. The Herkshires and Poland Chinas are on hand ready to be looked at. The stock and poultry displays give promise of something better than the ordinary.

**Entries For the Races.**

There were three races on for today in the speed department, but two of them, the 2:35 pace and the yearling stake failed to fill. It is the intention of Secretary A. E. Martin, who has charge of the cracker jack portion of the fair to arrange a 2:30 trot, entries to be obtained from among the forty or fifty horses now in training on the track. The entries in the other race are as follows:

3:00 class trot. Purse \$200; 3 in 5. W. W. Hodges, South Haven, Burd, G. b. by Prince L.

Q. L. Ladd, Adrian. Alcanwood, b. b. by Alcantra.

C. Boone, Zeeland. Lady Fairlawn, b. m. by Fairlawn Medium.

Scott McLean, Coldwater, Hazel, b. m. by Royal Fearnaught.

It wouldn't do to omit the baby show, which will be a feature of the fair. Crozier Brothers have offered a gold watch as a prize. Secretary Whitney has invited Governor Peck of Wisconsin, Ex-Governor Cyrus G. Lucas, Congressman J. W. Moon of Muskegon, Mrs. James H. Russell of Ann Arbor and Mrs. Bagley of Detroit to act as judges. The show will be held Thursday in the main building.

The transportation facilities to the grounds are all that can be desired. Trains will leave the union depot every half hour today, returning every thirty minutes. The outlook for a crowd is encouraging, and the officials expect to make the fair a financial success. One prominent business man bought 100 tickets yesterday just to give Treasurer Pierce a start. President Cheney believes the attendance from out of town will be all that can be desired, and if the city residents come to the fair as they are expected to, there is no reason why the grounds should not be comfortably crowded.

**Handsome Display.**

There will be no prettier display in art hall than that of the Rutke Hamilton Hardware Company, located at 13 South Division street. This exhibit is this firm's first effort, and from present indications it looks as though the display will rank among the best in the building.

**Corps of Workmen.**

A corps of workmen were busy all day yesterday making the booth set aside for Julius A. J. Friedrich, ready for his exhibit. He promises a most magnificent exhibition and that this gentleman will fully come up to all expectations there can be no doubt.

**Sing Merrily.**

The famous Singer Sewing Machine will sing merrily during the fair. There will be a fine display under the management of L. Nye, notion of which will be made later on.

**Right in Line.**

The Valley City Milling Company is going to make an attractive exhibit, which will prove a very interesting sight. It will be complete today and no one should fail to see it.

**His First Display.**

E. Burkhardt, the furniture man, comes to the front with a fine display. This is Mr. Burkhardt's first effort as an exhibitor at the West Michigan fair and that he is making a favorable showing there is no doubt. His exhibit is a fine one and merits a careful inspection.

**Splendid Location.**

Right at the entrance the Pomona nurseries have their display. The proprietors are making a most creditable showing of fruit trees, etc., of which notice will be made later on.

**Odd Fellows' Tax Notice.**

After due consideration, with respect to railroad arrangements, the Grand marshal has selected the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway as the official all-rail route from Grand Rapids and Western Michigan for Odd Fellows' Columbian demonstration. Other official all-rail routes advertised, not authorized.

I earnestly hope and request that all Odd Fellows, Canton and Subordinate units in making this the grandest train that ever left Western Michigan, and it has been specially arranged for the Odd Fellows and their friends.

By taking this train you save one day's hotel accommodations in Chicago and waste no time.

H. S. Wilson, Grand Marshal, Grand Lodge of Michigan.

In the warm weather you may get all tired out and run down, and a dose of the blood may trouble you. Hood's Sarsaparilla is just the medicine to give you strength and health.

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS**

That the L. S. & M. S. Ry. is the official route to Chicago, and ask them to join you, and go on the Odd Fellows' special train Sunday, Sept. 24th, to World's Greatest Fair. Train leaves from Fulton Street station at 9 o'clock a. m.

**RATE \$5.40**

for round trip tickets, good returning 10 days, including date of sale, except on limited trains 4, 6, 10, 12.

JAMES CAMPBELL, City Pass. Agt., 23 Monroe St.

Official All Rail Route to the World's Fair.

Account of the Odd Fellows Columbian demonstration is the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railway, landing passengers within 5 minutes ride from Grand Crossing to

**FRATERNITY HOTEL**

and within two blocks of the downtown headquarters Great Western hotel. Sept. 24th.

**L. S. & M. S. Ry.**

Old Fellows' official train lands its passengers within 5 minutes walk of downtown headquarters Great Western hotel.

**REMEMBER**

The date of the official Odd Fellows' train is Sunday, Sept. 24th. Leaving time 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Route LAKE SHORE & MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.

**WORLD'S FAIR, CHICAGO.**

Account ODD FELLOWS' COLUMBIAN DEMONSTRATION.

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C. S. ROGERS, City Passenger Agent, JAMES CAMPBELL, 23 Monroe st.

**G. P. S. C. E.**

The Lake Shore & Michigan Southern will sell tickets Saturday, September 23, at a

**RATE OF \$5.40**

for round trip tickets, good returning ten days including date of sale, except on limited trains 4, 6, 10 and 12.

JAMES CAMPBELL, City Pass. Agt., No. 23 Monroe street.

**Trains to the West Michigan Fair.**

The C. & W. M. and G. R. & I. Co's will run special trains to the West Michigan Fair this week as follows:

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY.

Leave Union Depot at 7:20 and 7:30 a. m. and every thirty minutes from 8:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. Returning leave Fair Grounds every thirty minutes from 9:30 a. m. to 7:30 p. m.

**RATES OF FARE.**

One way, 10c. Round trip, 15c. Round trip including admission to Fair, 60c.

Procure tickets at Union Depot office or at ticket office at North End of Depot. C. A. LOCKWOOD, GEO. DEMAYERS, G. P. A., G. R. & I. G. P. A., C. & W. M.

Only \$2.75 to Chicago, including state room berth via Holland and Chicago Line Steamers. See adv. on inside page.

**Chicago Excursions via G. R. & I.**

September 20th, 23rd and 25th. One Fare, \$5.40 for Round Trip. Tickets sold on each of the above days good for return for ten days.

Trains leave Grand Rapids 10:05 a. m. and 11:20 p. m. These tickets will not allow sleeping or parlor car privileges. Call telephone 665.

Our Valley City mill has a full line of latest improved machinery, and "LILLY WHITE" flour will now be finer than ever. Valley City Milling Co.

If you want the very best flour at reasonable prices buy "LILLY WHITE." It will make more and better bread for the money than any other.

**Sufferers from Piles**

Should know that the Pyramid Pile Cure will promptly and effectually remove every trace of them. Any druggist will get it for you.

**Cheap Excursions to World's Fair.**

Sept. 29 and 30 over the Lake Shore Ry. One fare for the round trip. Tickets good ten days.

**Cash money for Bile Beans wrappers.**

Buy a bottle of Smith's Bile Beans (either size) and enclose the outside wrapper in a letter containing your name and address. We will pay you \$5 for it at once if your letter is the first one opened in our first morning mail, or \$4 if it is the 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th or 6th. This is good for every day except Sunday. Ask your druggist for the SMALL size. Full list printed at end of each month mailed to all who send postage for it (5c.). Address J. F. Smith & Co. No. 225 Greenwich St., New York.

"Not a gripe in a barrel of them."

**A. J. SHELLMAN**

*Scientific Optician.*

25 Monroe street, Grand Rapids. Examination and refraction of eyes, with the latest scientific appliances, in every case at moderate prices. Artificial eyes to suit complex cases. All instruments of every description to be had at low prices. See signs of eye specialists in Grand Rapids.

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The best of work at the lowest prices. Telephone 415 to W. F. Shattuck & Co., Grand Rapids.

## How Much Comfort

There is in a Fall Overcoat these cold mornings and evenings! And there is health in them, too—many a man has died of pneumonia for being without one. A little money will buy an elegant Fall Overcoat these days—

## Good Cashmere Overcoat, Brown and Grey, \$5.00

Very Durable Cashmere & Worsted O's, all colors, \$7.50

Good Quality Cheviot and Melton Overcoats, 25 styles, \$10

For \$12 to \$20 we show a superb line of Cheviots, Meltons, Vicunas and Worsteds, all worth much more money than we ask for them.

ur immense showing of new Fall Suits is town talk—the prettiest single and double breasted Sacks ever brought to Grand Rapids—Cassimeres, Vicunas, Worsteds and Chevies, all at our well known low prices.

**New Fall Hats.**

**Autumn Neckwear.**

**Colored Shirts.**

**For Fall.**